Program Map

Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership with Educational Leadership Tier 1 Certification
Leadership, Technology, & Workforce Development
Valdosta State University

Program Overview

The Teacher Leadership Ed.S. Degree is an advanced degree that prepares educators to meet the GaPSC Teacher Leadership standards providing a foundation for effective collaboration with students, parents, and colleagues. These standards are related to curriculum and instruction, assessment, a school culture that fosters excellence in teaching and learning, modeling best practices in instruction, working with others to design assessments, and using data to work with colleagues in collaborative efforts to improve instruction for all students. By completing this online degree and passing the appropriate Georgia content assessment, candidates will be eligible for the Teacher Leadership (level 6) certification. This program also allows completion of the Educational Leadership pre-service requirements for Educational Leadership Tier I certification.

Through the combination of course work and field experiences, candidates will be able to develop the necessary competencies to become an entry-level school leader with Tier I Educational Leadership certification. Educators certified in this field may work in school-level leadership positions below the principal and those district-level leadership positions not supervising principals. The primary goal of the Educational Leadership-Tier 1 certification is to link the theoretical and philosophical frameworks of educational leadership to actual practice. This is accomplished with field experiences embedded in designated courses as a part of the candidate's program of study. The goal is to develop the candidate's leadership and management abilities by engaging in problem analysis, collecting relevant data, collaborative problem-solving, participating in curricular and instructional activities, and participating in instructional supervision. The embedded field experiences are designed to: 1. Provide candidates with the opportunity to acquire practical experience in school leadership 2. Allow for the linkage of theory and practice for the candidates, staff, and practitioners 3. Provide integrating experiences for candidates in problem resolution and decision-making and selected aspects of educational leadership 4. Allow the candidate to experiment with new ideas, approaches, and strategies in a low-risk, supportive environment 5. Provide candidates with a basis for assessing their professional strengths and their needs for further development; and 6. Enable the university to evaluate its leadership preparation programs through clinical applications

This **30-hour program** can be completed in four consecutive semesters or 16 months. Courses are offered on a continuous basis, allowing for part-time enrollment. No campus visits are required to complete the program.
Special Requirements: Students must be employed teachers or employees of an educational agency -- (*access to teachers and students are required to complete the program*)

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- **Delivery:** The program is fully online.
- **Transfer credit:** No post master's work will be accepted.
- **GACE Assessments:** Candidates are required to take both the GACE 346 in Teacher Leadership AND GACE 334 in Educational Leadership-Tier 1 as part of the graduation requirements. Each GACE must be passed to add/upgrade certification.

Although the prescribed sequence of study is listed, courses may be taken out of this order as long as prerequisites are met.

Year 1

First Term	Hrs	Second Term	Hrs	Third Term	Hrs
EDUC 5999 (Y01): Professional Orientation (Must be completed during the first semester of enrollment.)	0	EDET 8020: Teacher Leadership Residency I (Prerequisite: EDUC 5999)	3	LEAD 7120: Instructional Leadership & Supervisory Practices for Improved Teaching & Learning	3
EDET 8005: Foundations of Teacher Leadership	3	EDET 8040: Teacher Leadership Residency II (Prerequisite: EDUC 5999)	3	EDET 8050: Teacher Leadership Residency III (Prerequisite: EDUC 5999)	3
LEAD 7310: Leadership for Community and Public Relations	3			LEAD 8240: Managing Resources for School Improvement	3
LEAD 7420: Ethical and Legal Issues for Leadership	3				

Year 2

First Term	Hrs				
LEAD 7100: School Leadership	3				
EDET 8880 Capstone Seminar (Prerequisites: EDUC 5999, & EDET 8020, 8040, 8050)	3				